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SUBJ: LEE KUAN YEW'S TRAVEL PLANS

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1. DURING CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, PM LEE KUAN YEW INDICATED TO ME THAT HE STILL INTENDS TO VISIT THE U.S. IN MAY, AND WILL ALSO GO TO CANADA TO RECEIVE AN HONORARY DEGREE THERE AND TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH TRUDEAU. THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY IN HIS SCHEDULE, HOWEVER, AND HE COULD ADJUST HIS TRAVELS TO ACCORD WITH PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON OF THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS. OUTER PARAMETER OF HIS STAY IN THE U.S. WILL BE SET BY COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN LONDON BEGINNING JUNE 8.

2. NOT KNOWING THAT GIMBELS ACTUALLY MIGHT ON OCCASION TELL MACYS, MY CANADIAN COLLEAGUE BOB THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED TO HEAR FROM LE LATER THAT LEE WOULD BE ACCEPTING AN HONORARY DEGREE IN CANADA. WE WORKED OUT THAT THIS WOULD BE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EDMONTON, SINCE LEE HAD SAID TO THOMPSON THAT HE WAS PLANNING TO GO TO ALBERTA TO SEE SOMETHING OF THE CANADIAN WEST. IN RETURN, THOMPSON INFORMED ME HE HAD HEARD FROM THE PM THAT HIS U.S. HONORARY DEGREE WILL BE AT AMHERST.

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3. LEE REMARKED TO ME THAT HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD IN PARTICULAR TO TALKING WITH HIS "OLD FRIENDS" KAUNDA AND NYERERE IN LONDON. HE WOULD TELL THEM NOT TO BE FEARFUL OF "THAT HORRIBLE CHAP MACHEL", BUT TO STAND UP TO MACHEL AND CALL HIS BLUFF. HOLDRIDGE

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